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1. EMBOFFS AND DAO HAVE DISCUSSED WITH FONOFF AND JDA
AGENDA FOR SECDEF MEETNGS WITH PRIME MINISTER MIKI, FOREIGN
MINISTER MIYAZAWA AND JDA MINISTER SAKATA. FOLLOWING ARE
GOJ SUGGESTIONS FOR AGENDA FOR THOSE MEETINGS:

2. MEETING WITH PRIMIE MINISTER MIKI: BECAUSE OF CABINET
MEETING ALSO SCHEDULED FOR MORNING OF AUGUST 29, THIS
MEETING HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED AND WILL NOW TAKE PLACE FROM
11:00 TO 11:30 (VICE 10:40 TO 11:20). PRIME MINISTER MIKI
WILL BE INTERESTED IN SECDEF'S PERSONAL ASSESSMENT OF SECURITY
SITUATION ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA AND RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
THIS ASSESSMENT AND U.S. STRATEGIC POSTURE IN ASIA.

3. MEETING WITH FOREING MINISTER MIYAZAWA: BECAUSE OF
CABINET MEETING THIS SESSION HAS ALSO HAD TO BE RESCHEDULED
AND WILL NOW TAKE PLACE FROM 11:45 TO 12:30 A.. AT IIKURA
HOUSE (VICE 11:30 TO 12:15 AT FOREIGN MINISTRY). FONOFF
EXPECTS THAT SITUATION IN KOREA AND DISCUSSION OF US-ROK
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TALKS AT ACM WILL HEAD OFF THIS MEETING. THEY ALSO EXPECT
MIYAZAWA WILL ASK SECDEF TO DISCUSS U.S. DEFENSE POLICY
IN ASIA AFTER THE FALL OF INDOCHINA AND EXPLAIN U.S. PLANS
FOR OUR FORCE POSTURE, PARTICULARLY IN NORTHEAST ASIA.

IN THIS CONTEXT QUESTION OF USMC ROLES AND MISSIONS WILL PROBABLY ALSO ARISE IN CONNECTION WITH SECDEF REMARKS CONCERNING MARINES AT JULY 1 PRESS CONFERENCE.

4. MEETING WITH JDA MINISTER SAKATA: JDA VICE MINISTER KUBO DIRECTED DEFENSE BUREAU DIRECTOR GENERAL MARUYAMA TO MEET WITH EMBOFFS TO DISCUSS SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS OF AGENDA FOR SECDEFS MEETING WITH SAKATA. MARUYAMA LAID OUT FOLLOWING INFORMAL AGENDA:

A. TALKS WOULD BEGIN WITH DISCUSSION BY SECDEF OF U.S. STRATEGY IN FAR EAST, PRESUMABLY WITH EMPHASIS AND FOCUS ON KOREAN PENINSULA AND NORTHEAST ASIA. SAKATA AND SENIOR JDA OFFICIALS WOULD HOPE TO HEAR EXPOSITION OF WHAT CONTINGENCIES U.S. CONSIDERS WOULD BE MOST LIKELY TO ARISE IN LOREA AND RESPONSES WHICH U.S. WOUL MAKE, INCLUDIG RESPONSE OPTIONS WE FEEL WE HAVE AND ARE CONSIDERING.

B. JAPANAESE SIDE WOULD RESPOND TO SECDEF REMARKS WITH FRANK JAPANESE ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION IN KOREA AND DISCUSSION OF JAPAN'S ROLE IN COOPERATING WITH U.S. RESPONSE.

C. JAPANESE SIDE WOULD FOLLOW KOREAN DISCUSSION WITH REPORT ONGOJ PLANS AND POLICY FOR POST 4TH DEFENSE BUILD-UP PLAN PERIOD. MARUYAMA STATED JDA APPROACH TO THIS ITEM WOULD BE FROM STANDPOINT OF RECENT FISCAL AND FINANCIAL PROBLEM OF JDA IN ACQUIRING EXPENSIVE MAJOR WEAPONS SYSTEMS AND PROBLEMS OF CHOICE INVOLVED FOR TAILORING JAPANESE FORCE POSTURE TO FINANCIAL RESOURCES WHICH JDA CAN REASONABLY EXPECT TO EMPLOY OVER NEXT FEW YEARS. JAPANESE SIDE WOULD THEN INVITE COMMENT FROM U.S. SIDE. COMMENT: EXPECTED BY JDA, ACCORDING TO MARUYAMA, WOULD NOT BE IN NATURE OF U.S. CRITIQUE OF JAPANESE WEAPONS PROCUREMENT POLICY SO MUCH AS U.S. ASSESSMENT OF RELATIVE PRIORITIES AMONG JAPAN'S OPTIONS FOR ACQUISITION OF MAJOR CAPABILITIES IN RELATION TO FUTURE US-JAPAN SECURITY COOPERATION.

D. DISCUSSION OF PREVIOUS TOPIC WOULD LEAD INTO FINAL TOPIC ON AGENDA: U.S. JAPAN DEFENSE COOPERATION. MINISTER SAKATA WILL GIVE HIS VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT AND EXPLAIN THE POLITICAL BACKGROUND OF THIS QUESTION, PARTICULARLY SECRET

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ITS TREATMENT IN DIET DEBATES. SAKATA IS ALSO EXPECTED TO EXPLAIN THE CONSITITUTIONAL AND POLITICAL RESTRAINTS WHICH JAPAN IS UNDER IN ATTEMPTING TO DEVELOP THIS COOPERATIONS WITH THE U.S. FINALLY, SAKATA IS EXPECTED TO MAKE A CONCRETE PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT FRO ESTABLISHMENT OF SOME KIND OF U.S. JAPAN SECURITY CONSLUTATIVE BODY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE SCC TO ADVANCE DISCUSSIONS CONERNING SUCH COOPERATION.

5. COMMENT: SAKATA HAS APPARENTLY BEEN DISCUSSING HIS THOUGHTS ON U.S. JAPAN DEFENSE COOPERATION IN RECENT DAYS WITH BOTH PRESS AND SENIOR DIET MEMBERS. PRESS ACCOUNTS

HAVE EVIDENCED CONFUSION AND WIDE VARIATION FROM REPORTS
OF SAKATA HAVING QTE SHELVED UNQTE HIS IDEAS OF DEFENSE
COOPERATION TO THEIRS. REPORTS OF BOLD, NEW PROPOSALS. MOST RELIABLE
PRESS REPORTING CONSENSUS WHICH COINCIDES WITH EMBASSY'S
SOURCES CONFIRMS THAT SAKATA HAS DISCUSSED AGENDA ITEMS
ALREADY WITH SENIOR LDP DIETMEN AND THESE DISCUSSIONS
FOLLOWED CLOSELY MARUYAMA'S DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBOFFS. PRESS
ARTICLES HAVE ALSO STRESSED THAT SAKATA HAS SAID THAT NO
FORMAL AGENDA HAS BEEN AGREED UPON AND NO DETAILED TALKING
POINTS ARE BEING PREPARED SINCE THEY WOULD TEND TO STAND
IN THE WAY OF A FREE-FLOWING DIALOGUE. OTHER INTERESTING NOTE
OF PRESS COVERAGE OF SAKATA'S REMARKS TO DIETMAN IS THAT
HE IS PLANNING TO DISCUSS BUILD-UP PERIOD IN GERMS OF ITS
BEING QTE CENTERED ON STRENGTHENING THE MARITIME SELF-DEFENSE
FORCES UNQTE.
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